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SUBJ: TERRORISTS ATTACKS AGAINST BRITISH FORCES IN NORTH-
RHINE WESTPHALIA (NRW).

REF: DUSSELDORF 1319

1. ON 24 AUG 78, TWO BOMBS CONSISTING OF APPROX 50
KILOS OF HIGH EXPLOSIVES WERE DISCOVERED IN A PARKED
CAR IN THE NAAFI SHOPPING CENTER PARKING LOT AT
RHEINDAHLEN NEAR MOENCHENGLADBACH, WHERE THE BAOR IS
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HEADQUARTERED. THE CAR HAD BEEN RENTED FROM A RENT-
A-CAR FIRM IN DUESSELDORF SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE. THE
CLERK AT THE RENTAL AGENCY WAS ABLE TO GIVE POLICE AN
EXACT DESCRIPTION OF THE CUSTOMER WHO CALLED HIMSELF
PETER FARRELL AND WHO, BECAUSE OF HIS ACCENT AND APPEAR-
ANCE IS PRESUMED TO BE IRISH.

2. GERMAN AND BRITISH BOMB EXPERTS WERE ABLE TO DEFUSE THE DEVICE AT 2400 HRS ON 24 AUG 78. HAD THE BOMB EXPLODED DURING SHOPPING HOURS AT THE NAAFI, SERIOUS INJURY AND EXTENSIVE MATERIAL DAMAGE WOULD HAVE RESULTED.

3. THE SERIES OF BOMBING ATTACKS THAT OCCURED ON OR AROUND BRITISH ARMY INSTALLATIONS IN NRW DURING THE EVENING 18-19 AUG 78, CAUSED EXTENSIVE PROPERTY DAMAGE. AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE THAT DID NOT COMPLETELY DETONATE WAS DISCOVERED IN BIELEFELD, AND HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE LKA IN DUESSELDORF FRG FOR EXAMINATION BY GERMAN AND BRITISH BOMB EXPERTS. THE BOMB HAD APPROX 31 KILOS OF EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE AMMONIUM NITRATE. DETONATION WAS ACHIEVED BY A SERIES OF BATTERIES CONNECTED TO AN ELECTRICAL TIMING DEVICE. THIS TIMING DEVICE IS DESCRIBED AS HAVING THE CAPABILITY OF BEING SET 1-4 DAYS IN ADVANCE.

4. ON SATURDAY 26 AUG A FISHERMAN FOUND AND TURNED OVER TO POLICE A PLASTIC BAG CONTAINING 21 DETONATORS AND FUSES WHICH WAS FLOATING IN THE RHINE IN A NORTHERN SUBURB OF DUESSELDORF. THE MATERIAL WAS REPORTED TO BE SIMILAR TO MATERIAL IN THE UNEXPLODED BOMBS.DUX

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